



Association of Teacher Educators

Georgia Unit

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Dear GATE Members and Professional Colleagues,



On behalf of the Georgia Association of Teacher Educators (GATE) it is my pleasure to write to you with an invitation to renew your GATE membership or to become a new member. [GATE \[http://gaate1.org/\]](http://gaate1.org/) is an organization of educators from Georgia's public and private schools as well universities and colleges that advocates for accessible and equitable education for all students and educators. As the 5th grade Winner of the 2016 Conference Poster Contest Molly Bridges from Wheeler County Elementary School put it, we believe that “Teaching is a work of heart.”

GATE needs your membership to continue this challenging yet rewarding work within and outside our shared professional communities. Membership benefits include:

- Opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research and practice in education and to present your own scholarship, knowledge, and passion at GATE's conference.
- Opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded educators and leading experts from diverse fields.
- Opportunity to serve on GATE Committees and to elect and run for officer positions.
- Opportunity to publish and review for a peer-reviewed journal, *GATEways* (See attached flyer and also Learn more at <http://gaate1.org/journal/>).
- Opportunity to nominate or be nominated for the *GATE's awards: Distinguished Program, Distinguished Research, Distinguished Dissertation, Distinguished Clinician, and GATE Mentor Teacher of the Year*. Learn more at <http://gaate1.org/awards/>

Even though GATE's 2020 Conference was cancelled last year due to COVID-19, the organization has been far from being stagnant. Starting this fall and continuing into spring 2021, the members will have an opportunity to participate in virtual professional development opportunities on current issues in teaching, policy, and teacher education.

The topics under consideration include:

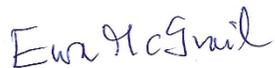
- No edTPA-now what?
- Online teaching strategies
- Self-care for teachers
- Publishing on the Tenure-Track
- Anti-bias teaching (K-12) and culturally responsive teaching
- Supporting ELL students and preparing teachers to support ELL students
- Renewed focus on literacy highlighting the impact of social media
- Breaking the school to prison pipeline

If you have topic recommendations, please share.

Do not miss out on these wonderful benefits and renew your GATE membership or become a new member today!

Help us to grow our organization, share this letter with your colleagues and communities and follow us on GATE Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gaate.org/> For more information on renewing your membership and/or becoming a new member, please go to this site: <http://gaate1.org/membership/> or contact Dr. Shirley Andrews, GATE Membership Chair, at spandrew@valdosta.edu

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ewa McGrail". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ewa McGrail, GATE President